(b) if so, the details of such misuse of funds; and

(c) the details of steps taken to discount the possibility of misappropriation of funds meant for natural calamity/emergency situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI V. RADHIKA SELVI): (a) and (b) The Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) of India have prepared a Performance Audit Report on Tsunami Relief and Rehabilitation, 2006. While no misappropriation has been indicated, they have pointed out a few cases of irregular payments, surrender of funds, non-adjustment of advances, excess expenditure, non utilization of funds and avoidable expenditure.

(c) The primary responsibility of 'response' to disasters in terms of carrying out immediate rescue and providing relief rests with the State Governemts. As per the scheme of operation of Calamity Relief Fund (CRF) and National Calamity Contingency Fund (NCCF), the State Level Committee headed by the Chief Secretary of the concerned State is responsible to ensure that money drawn from the CRF/NCCF is actually utilized for the purposes for which it has been sanctioned and only on approved items of expenditure and as per norms prescribed in the guidelines issued by the Government. The State Governments are also required to submit utilization certificates periodically on expenditure incurred by the State from the CRF/ NCCF in the prescribed format to the Central Government. State Governments have also been asked to ensure transparency in the identification of beneficiaries, distribution of relief and to display the list of beneficiaries at prominent public places in the light of observations made by the CAG.

RAF insignia used by State Armed Police Battalions

3146. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the insignia RAF is used as an acronym for Rapid Action Force raised by the Centre to deal with riots and riot like situations;

(b) if so, whether the CRPF has recently brought to the notice of the Centre that this RAF insignia is being used by state armed police battalions during its operations wearing blue uniforms with the RAF insignia on shoulder; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) CRPF has informed that Specialised Armed Police wing of Kolkata Police has been seen using insignia and uniform similar to that of the RAF. CRPF has taken up the issue with Commissioner of Police Kolkata (WB) inviting attention to the directive of Ministry of Home Affairs dated 14.2.1997 regarding use of name of RAF and its uniform by State Police Forces and has requested them to make suitable changes.

Communalization and politicization of anti-terror laws

3147. SHRIMATI SYEDA ANWARA TAIMUR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some States are intending to frame laws which may move towards communalization and Politicization on anti-terror laws;